

# SahuarO Weekly Update

*"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."*



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Taking Flight by Kristine Kollasch and Felicie Regnier at Paseo Racquet Center.



**Monsoon Ready?** If you're in the Valley between the months of June and September, you're pretty much guaranteed to experience the powerful winds, towering clouds and awesome thunder and lightning of an Arizona monsoon storm. Glendale residents have a new Website to help them prepare for the season's storms. [Click here](#) to go to the Monsoon Ready site.

**Paseo Racquet Center Honored.** Glendale's Paseo Racquet Center, 6268 W. Thunderbird Rd., recently won the honor of "Tennis Facility of the Year" by the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

In addition, the Prudhomme family, which includes Ed Prudhomme, facility director, Greg Prudhomme, head pro and coach for Grand Canyon University men and women's teams and Brian Prudhomme, master clinician, has been awarded the distinction of "Tennis Family of the Year" by the USTA.

On the heels of receiving these accolades, the Paseo Racquet Center also has been graced with new, contemporary artwork on the exterior of the facility. In January, the Glendale Arts Commission selected two local artists to incorporate a contemporary look and feel to update the center's entrance. The artwork, titled Taking Flight, was designed by Kristine Kollasch and Felicie Regnier. The Parks & Recreation Department installed updated signage for the facility recently, as well, giving the center a new look.

Paseo Racquet Center, which opened in 1991, offers tennis clinics and private lessons for both adults and children, in addition to court rentals, a pro shop and more. The facility is owned by the city of Glendale, and leased and operated by Ed Prudhomme.

For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 979-1234.

**"Feeling the Economic Crunch? Find the Financial Help You Need."** With record home foreclosures, restrictions in the credit market and increasing gasoline and food costs, all Arizonans are impacted by the economy right now. *Feeling the Economic Crunch? Find the Financial Help You Need* is a project that was designed to provide useful tips and resources to help Arizonans weather through the current tough economic times.

The campaign was developed in partnership with state agencies and community organizations through the Governor's Children's Cabinet and is aimed at those who are currently experiencing financial stress and may not know where to turn, or are not used to reaching out for help.

The campaign is featured on [www.AZ211.gov](http://www.AZ211.gov) titled Feeling the Economic Crunch? Information is available in four major areas, including: housing, employment, family stress and paying the bills. A "frequently asked questions" section is also included.

Please visit the Web site and help others who are feeling the economic crunch by encouraging families, friends, neighbors and colleagues to visit this site too.



**Christmas in July in Historic Downtown Glendale!** The weather may be frightful, but shopping in downtown Glendale during Christmas in July will be delightful! Celebrate the joy of the season early on Saturday, July 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale.

Start the fun at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, to pick up your holiday map, coupons and gift bag (for the 1st 500 visitors) and take a spin on our themed prize wheel. Then hop on board the cool and comfortable Glendale Express Shuttle, which will provide rides throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court. Visit boutique stores, specialty shops, and downtown eateries for giveaways and great deals. Santa himself will even be there to pose with all the good little boys and girls for a free Polaroid picture. For more information, [Click here](#) or call the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500.

## Around Town

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**Film/Discussion Series.** “Gandhi” (1982) winner of eight Oscars including Best Picture will be shown at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 12. The film will show at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. Film scholar Jeannie Berg will lead a discussion following the film. [Click here](#) or call (623) 930-3844 for more information.

**Free CCC-CPR Class.** Learn Continuous Chest Compression CPR on Thursday, July 17 from 7-9 p.m. at Midwestern University, 19555 N. 59th Ave. Classes are held once a month at various locations throughout Glendale. To reserve a spot or learn more about CCC-CPR, [click here](#).

**Summer Band Concert July 17.** Join the Summer Band for performances at the amphitheater in Murphy Park, located at 5850 W. Glendale Ave. Only two more weeks of fun, July 17 & 24. The free performances are sponsored in part by Glendale Civic Pride and offer a great evening for the entire family. The symphony, made up of more than 100 musicians, will please crowds with renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a chair or blanket for the lawn seating. For more information, call (623) 930-2820.

**2nd Annual World Records Day.** What in the WORLD is happening on July 26? Breaking records! Do you have what it takes to break a Guinness World Record? Give it your best shot at the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center’s 2nd World Records Day on Saturday, July 26 at 10 a.m. This event will showcase a variety of established world records that are just waiting to be broken! This free event will be held in the Coyote Room at the center, located at 5600 W. Union Hills Dr. For more information, call (623) 930-4610.

**GED Prep Classes.** Teachers from Rio Salado Adult Learning Center are presenting a free basic skills/GED prep class for individuals ages 16 and up who are not currently attending high school. All class materials will be provided. Participants must commit to attend the entire 12-week session. For parents who are attending the classes, there will be free on-site child care of children ages 2-9. Space is limited in the class and for child care. Preference will be given to Glendale residents. Registration begins August 1. Call (623) 930-3837 to sign up.

**Back-to-School Teen Battle of the Bands.** What better way to get ready for the first day of school than to “rock out” at the Teen Battle of the Bands at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The musical event of the summer will be happening on Saturday, Aug. 9, beginning at 5:30 - 9 p.m. in the library’s auditorium.

The participating bands can be playing any type of music. Look for rock, heavy metal, alternative, blues, country, dance/techno, folk, hip-hop/rap, jam, jazz, funk ...or any other style of music. The six bands chosen to compete will have gone through a “try-out” process during July. The free event is over by 9 p.m. For more information, call (623) 930-3537.

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